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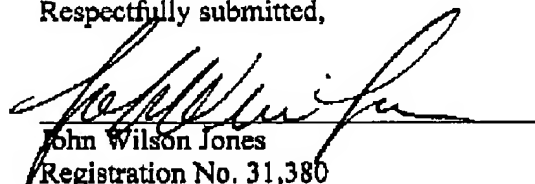
REMARKS

Claims in the Application. Claims 1-77 have been cancelled from this application. Claims 78-157 have been added to this application. Accordingly, Claims 78-157 are active in this application.

Withdrawal of Request for Interference. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Request for Interference over U.S. Patent No. 6,822,105 ("the '105 Patent") and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/953,327 ("the '327 Patent Application") from the record. The '105 Patent and the '327 Patent Application are now assets owned entirely by the assignee of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

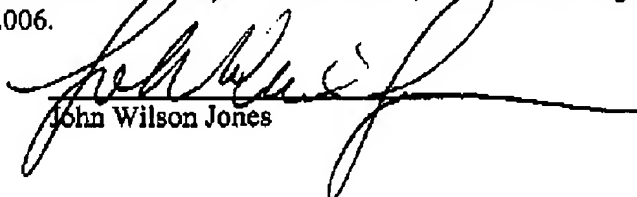
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